

14. (Amended) A method of making a pullulan free edible film composition comprising the steps of:

providing an effective amount of a film forming agent comprising carageenan; and

adding an effective amount of at least one bulk filler agent and an effective amount of at least one plasticizing agent with the film forming agent to produce a pullulan free edible film composition wherein the edible film dissolves quickly in the mouth of the user.

15. (Amended) The method of Claim 14, wherein the method further comprises the step of adding an effective amount of at least one thickening agent to form the pullulan free edible film composition.

16. (Amended) A method of delivering a medicament comprising the steps of:

providing a pullulan free edible film composition which comprises an effective amount of at least one medicament in the film composition to an individual, wherein the film composition further comprises:

an effective amount of a film forming agent comprising carageenan;

an effective amount of at least one bulk filler agent; and

an effective amount of at least one plasticizing agent; and

orally consuming the film composition by the individual to release the medicament into the oral cavity wherein the edible film dissolves quickly in the oral cavity of the user.

17. (Amended) The method of Claim 16, wherein the medicament is a member selected from the group consisting of a pH control agent, an oral care agent, a breath freshening agent, a pharmaceutical agent, a nutraceutical agent, a salivary stimulant agent, a vitamin, a mineral, derivatives thereof and combinations thereof.

18. (Amended) The method of Claim 16, wherein the method further includes the step of incorporating an effective amount of at least one thickening agent into the film composition.

19. (Amended) A method of treating halitosis comprising the steps of:
providing a pullulan free edible film composition which comprises an effective amount of
at least one breath freshening agent to an individual, wherein the film composition further
comprises:

an effective amount of a film forming agent comprising carageenan;

an effective amount of at least one bulk filler agent; and

an effective amount of at least one plasticizing agent; and

orally consuming the film composition by the individual to release the breath
freshening agent into the oral cavity to treat halitosis wherein the edible film dissolves quickly in
the oral cavity of the user.

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated July 3, 2002, Claims 1-24 are subject to a restriction requirement; Claims 1, 3, 10, 12, 15, 16 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112; Claims 1-14 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102; Claim 19 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103; and Claims 17 and 18 are objected to for referring to a claim which has been withdrawn from consideration. Applicants hereby affirm the provisional election of Claims 1-19 without traverse made via a telephone conference with Robert M. Barrett on June 26, 2002.

Claims 1, 10, 12, 14, and 15-19 have been amended herein. Applicants assert that this Amendment does not add new matter. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned **"Versions with Markings to Show Changes Made."** Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections of pending Claims 1-19 have been overcome or are improper in view of the amendments as set forth below.

In the Office Action, Claims 17 and 18 were objected to and not treated on the merits because they depend on a non-elected claim. Claims 17 and 18 have now been amended to depend from elected Claim 16, and Applicants request that they be considered on the merits.

In the Office Action, Claims 1, 3, 10, 12, 15, 16 and 19 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Per the Examiner's suggestion, Claims 10, 12, 15, 16 and 19 have been amended to replace the word "includes" with the term "comprising." Claim 15 has also been amended to correct the dependency on a succeeding claim, and now depends from